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POWER SUPPLY

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of April 4, 2006. All pending claims 1-24 are presented for reconsideration and favorable action.

In the Office Action, a number of claims were rejected based upon Shires et al. (US 6178101). However, it is believed that the present invention is patentably distinct from the Shires reference.

First, Shires does not show a two wire process control loop. Shires simply shows "terminals" 12 and 14. This is not a "loop" in accordance with the invention.

Further, Shires does not show a switching regulator. Shires simply shows "transistors" (col. 2, line 53).

Further still, Shires does not show a series voltage regulator. Shires simply shows a circuit breaker 18 along with a switch 19.

As Shires does not show the elements of the claimed invention, it is believed that the rejection should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and favorable action respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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